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Senate Bill _____
By _____

House No. HR0012
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A RESOLUTION to create a special House committee to study
passenger rail service in Tennessee and its
national impact.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this General Assembly work for economic growth and
the betterment of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, the construction of mass transportation systems, especially modern
railways, can be a vital addition to our nation's economy, producing state-of-the-art
transportation systems while creating important jobs; and

WHEREAS, there exist significant opportunities to better the economy of Tennessee and
surrounding states through the development of passenger rail systems in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the southeastern states could be a vital part of an Amtrak Chicago-Florida
route thus enriching the state's economic situation and the economies of many local
communities; and

WHEREAS, it is important that this Body carefully study the opportunity for growth that
passenger railway service could provide; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That a special House committee be

created to study passenger rail service in Tennessee and the national impact of passenger rail service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this House study committee be composed of five (5) members of the House transportation committee, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two (2) additional members of the House to be appointed by the speaker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special House committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special House committee who are duly elected members of the 99th General Assembly shall be paid as members of the General Assembly are paid for attending legislative meetings, as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and any other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special House committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly prior to the adjournment of its 1996 session, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.